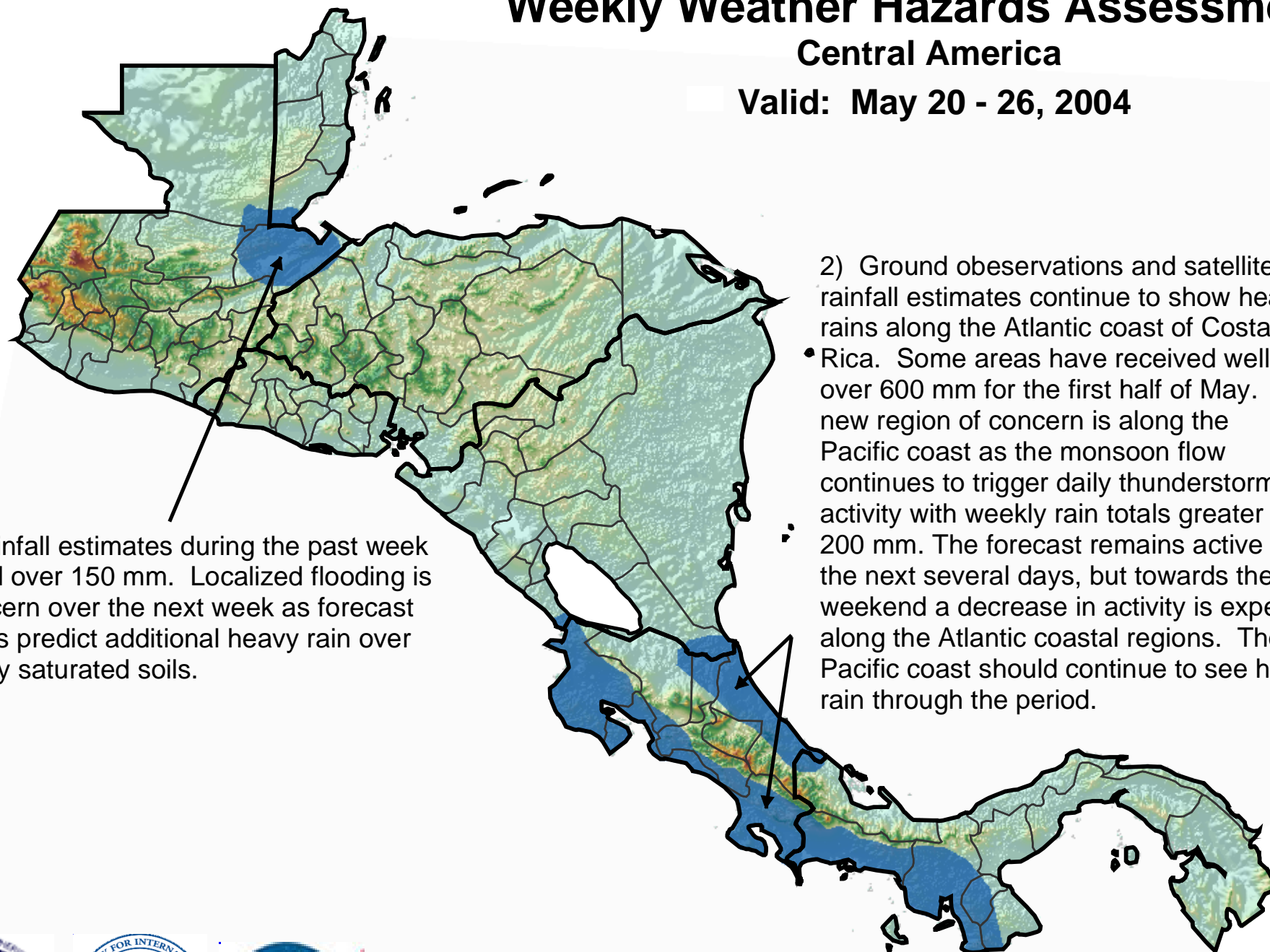


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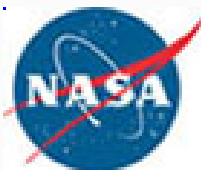
Central America

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1) Rainfall estimates during the past week totaled over 150 mm. Localized flooding is a concern over the next week as forecast models predict additional heavy rain over already saturated soils.

2) Ground observations and satellite rainfall estimates continue to show heavy rains along the Atlantic coast of Costa Rica. Some areas have received well over 600 mm for the first half of May. A new region of concern is along the Pacific coast as the monsoon flow continues to trigger daily thunderstorm activity with weekly rain totals greater than 200 mm. The forecast remains active over the next several days, but towards the weekend a decrease in activity is expected along the Atlantic coastal regions. The Pacific coast should continue to see heavy rain through the period.



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